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Mayor Steve Noble and City of Kingston Tree Commission Launch “Growing Neighborhoods” Tree Planting Contest

KINGSTON, NY.

At John F. Kennedy Elementary School’s Annual Arbor Day Celebration this afternoon, Mayor Steve Noble is set to share a special announcement with students- Kingston is going to help a lucky few neighborhoods plant new trees.

“Celebrating Arbor Day with some of our youngest citizens, I’m reminded that the seeds we sow today will grow our city tomorrow,” Mayor Noble stated. “As with any investment we make in our community, we evaluate how we can be most effective, how we can efficiently use our limited resources, and how we can ensure the community is best served.”

In honor of Arbor Day, the City of Kingston Tree Commission and Mayor Noble are pleased to announce Kingston’s first “Growing Neighborhoods” Tree Planting Contest. The contest tasks neighbors throughout Kingston to submit joint applications for free trees, including installation, to benefit their neighborhoods. In order to be considered, a group of neighbors must complete a short application and provide a summary, either in writing or by presentation in person to the Tree Commission. Highest consideration will be given to neighborhoods who have little to no trees, applicants who are creative in their proposals, and groups who demonstrate a significant desire to improve their neighborhoods.

Applications and summaries are due by July 31st.

Winners of the first “Growing Neighborhoods” Tree Planting Contest will be selected by the Tree Commission and Mayor in August, with a community-wide tree planting to take place in the Fall. Individuals interested in volunteering with tree planting should contact the Planning Department at 334-3957.

In addition to the “Growing Neighborhoods” Tree Planting Contest, the City of Kingston Tree Commission is also accepting applications for individual homeowners to purchase trees at a reduced cost.

Applications for both programs can be picked up at City Hall in the Planning Department or found online at www.kingston-ny.gov.

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